

# Endomorphisms of totally disconnected groups

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## First lecture: Automorphisms

§1 Scale  $s(\alpha) \in \mathbb{N}$  and tidy subgroups for  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , if  $G$  tot disc, lcp group

§2 Associated  $\alpha$ -stable subgroups

§3 Automorphisms with closed contraction groups

§4 Contractive automorphisms

§5 Expansive automorphisms

## §1 Tidy subgroups and scale

$G$  totally disconnected, locally compact topological group

**Theorem** (van Dantzig 1936) *The compact open subgroups of  $G$  form a basis of identity neighbourhoods in  $G$ .*

None of them needs to be a normal subgroup.

Is it possible to achieve that a compact open subgroup  $U$  behaves nicely at least under conjugation with a single group element  $g$ , i.e. under the inner automorphism

$$\alpha_g: G \rightarrow G, \quad x \mapsto gxg^{-1}?$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  tidy subgroups for  $\alpha_g$  (Willis 1994)

More generally, look for compact open subgroup which are well adapted to an automorphism  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G$ .

$G$  tot disc, lcp group,  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$

**Theorem** (Willis 1994) *There exists a compact open subgroup  $U$  in  $G$  which is tidy for  $\alpha$  in the sense that*

(TA)  $U = U_+U_-$ , where

$$U_+ = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^k(U) \text{ and } U_- := \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-k}(U)$$

are compact subgroups with

$$\alpha(U_+) = \bigcap_{k \geq 1} \alpha^k(U) \supseteq U_+$$

and  $\alpha(U_-) = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{1-k}(U) \subseteq U_-$ ;

(TB)  $U_{++} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^k(U_+)$  is closed in  $G$ .

Then  $U_+ = U \cap \alpha(U_+)$  is open in the compact group  $\alpha(U_+)$ , whence the index

$$s(\alpha) := [\alpha(U_+) : U_+]$$

is finite.

Willis 1994:  $s(\alpha) \in \mathbb{N}$  is independent of the choice of tidy subgroup; call  $s(\alpha)$  the **scale of  $\alpha$**

$U$  tidy:

- $U = U_+U_-$  with  $\alpha(U_+) \supseteq U_+$ ,  $\alpha(U_-) \subseteq U_-$ ;
- $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^k(U_+)$  is closed in  $G$

scale  $s(\alpha) := [\alpha(U_+) : U_+]$

### Properties (Willis 1994)

(a)  $s(\alpha^n) = s(\alpha)^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ;

(b)  $s(\alpha) = s(\alpha^{-1}) = 1$  if and only if  $G$  has an  $\alpha$ -stable compact open subgroup  $U$   
(i.e.,  $\alpha(U) = U$ )

(c) Let  $\text{mod}(\alpha) > 0$  be the module of  $\alpha$ , i.e.

$$\lambda(\alpha(A)) = \text{mod}(\alpha)\lambda(A)$$

for Borel sets  $A \subseteq G$  and a Haar measure  $\lambda$ .  
Then

$$\text{mod}(\alpha) = \frac{s(\alpha)}{s(\alpha^{-1})}.$$

(d) If  $U$  is tidy for  $\alpha$  and  $x \in U$ , then  $x \in U_-$  if and only if  $\alpha^k(x) \in U$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , if and only if  $\{\alpha^k(x) : k \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  is relatively compact.

**Example (a)** Right shift  $\alpha$  on  $F^{\mathbb{Z}}$

$F$  a finite group

$G := F^{\mathbb{Z}}$  with product topology

$\alpha: G \rightarrow G, (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mapsto (x_{n-1})_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$

Since  $G$  is compact and  $\alpha$ -stable,  $U := G$  is a tidy subgroup for  $\alpha$  with  $U_+ = U_- = U$  and  $s(\alpha) = s(\alpha^{-1}) = 1$ .

By contrast,

$$V := \{(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \in G : x_0 = e\}$$

is a compact open subgroup of  $G$  with

$$V_+ = F^{\{\dots, -2, -1\}} \times \{e\} \quad \text{and} \quad V_- = \{e\} \times F^{\{1, 2, \dots\}},$$

whence

$$V = V_+ V_-.$$

However,

$$V_{++} = \bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^k(V_+) = F^{-\mathbb{N}} \times F^{(\mathbb{N}_0)}$$

(with  $F^{(\mathbb{N}_0)} := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} F$ ) is a dense proper subgroup of  $G$  and therefore not closed. Thus  $V$  is not tidy for  $\alpha$

(b)  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  the field of  $p$ -adic numbers  $z = \sum_{k=k_0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$  with  $a_k \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ . If  $a_{k_0} \neq 0$ ,

$$|z|_p := p^{-k_0}.$$

Has set  $\mathbb{Z}_p \sim \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  of  $p$ -adic integers  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k p^k$  as compact open subring.

Consider  $G = \mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ ,  $\alpha := \alpha_g$  with  $g = \mathrm{diag}(1, p)$ . Then

$$g^n \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} g^{-n} = \begin{pmatrix} a & p^{-n}b \\ p^n c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

Compact open subgroup

$$U := \mathbf{1} + (p\mathbb{Z}_p)^{2 \times 2};$$

$U_-$  lower triangular matrices in  $U$ ,

$U_+$  upper triangular matrices in  $U$

can show  $U = U_+ U_-$ ,

$$U_{++} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^n(U_+) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p & \mathbb{Q}_p \\ 0 & 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

closed in  $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ . Hence  $U$  tidy for  $\alpha = \alpha_g$ .

$$\alpha_g(U_+) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p & \mathbb{Z}_p \\ 0 & 1 + p\mathbb{Z}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

implies  $s(\alpha_g) = [\alpha_g(U_+) : U_+] = p$

Re-interpretation of scale and tidy subgroups

For  $U \leq G$  c.o. consider **displacement index**

$$[\alpha(U) : \alpha(U) \cap U] \in \mathbb{N}$$

**Theorem** (Willis 2001)  *$U$  minimizes the displacement index iff  $U$  is tidy for  $\alpha$ . The scale of  $\alpha$  is the minimum displacement index,*

$$s(\alpha) = \min_U [\alpha(U) : \alpha(U) \cap U].$$

## §2 Subgroups associated to $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$

Given a top disc, lcp group  $G$  and  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , have:

**contraction group**

$$\text{con}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n(x) = e\}$$

and the anti-contraction group  $\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$ ;

**parabolic subgroup**

$$\text{par}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \{\alpha^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \text{ rel. cp.}\}$$

and anti-parabolic subgroup  $\text{par}(\alpha^{-1})$ ; and the

**Levi subgroup**  $\text{lev}(\alpha) := \text{par}(\alpha) \cap \text{par}(\alpha^{-1})$  of all  $x \in G$  whose two-sided  $\alpha$ -orbit  $\{\alpha^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is relatively compact.

We shall see that  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  need not be closed.

But  $\text{par}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{par}(\alpha^{-1})$ ,  $\text{lev}(\alpha)$  always closed.

[If  $U \subseteq G$  is tidy for  $\alpha$ , then  $U \cap \text{par}(\alpha) = U_-$  is closed in  $G$ . Being locally closed,  $\text{par}(\alpha)$  is closed]

Example that  $\text{con}(\alpha) = \{x \in G : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n(x) = e\}$  need not be closed:

Consider the right shift  $\alpha$  on  $G := F^{\mathbb{Z}}$  as above. Then  $\text{con}(\alpha) = F^{(-\mathbb{N})} \times F^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  is a proper dense subgroup, hence not closed.

[Note  $\alpha^n((x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}) \in F^{-\mathbb{N}} \times \{e\} \times F^{\mathbb{N}}$  for  $n \geq n_0$  implies  $x_k = e$  for all  $k \leq -n_0$ ]

**Remark** (a) If  $G$  has a compact open subgroup satisfying the ascending chain condition on closed subgroups, then  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed in  $G$  for each  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ . For instance, this applies to each  $p$ -adic Lie group

(b) For  $F = \mathbb{F}_p := \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ , the shift example can be interpreted as a 2-dimensional Lie group over the local field  $\mathbb{F}_p((t))$  of formal Laurent series; the shift  $\alpha$  is locally linear and hence analytic. Non-closed contraction groups can occur in positive characteristic!

### §3 Automorphisms with closed contraction groups

Baumgartner/Willis (2004):

- $s(\alpha) = \text{mod}(\alpha |_{\overline{\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})}})$ ;
- $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed if and only if  $\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$  is closed, if and only if  $G$  has small tidy subgroups for  $\alpha$

In this case,

$$\text{par}(\alpha) = \text{con}(\alpha) \rtimes \text{lev}(\alpha).$$

(Metrizability removed by Jaworski 2009)

**Corollary** (G'05) *If  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed, then  $\text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$  is open in  $G$  and the product map*

$\text{con}(\alpha) \times \text{lev}(\alpha) \times \text{con}(\alpha^{-1}) \rightarrow \text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}(\alpha^{-1}),$   
 $(x, y, z) \mapsto xyz,$  *is a homeomorphism.*

( $p$ -adic case: Wang 1984).

**Cor.** (G'05) *If  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed, then  $\text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$  is open in  $G$  and the product map*

$$\pi: \text{con}(\alpha) \times \text{lev}(\alpha) \times \text{con}(\alpha^{-1}) \rightarrow \text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}(\alpha^{-1}),$$

*$(x, y, z) \mapsto xyz$ , is a homeomorphism.*

**Remark** If  $\alpha$  is an analytic automorphism of a Lie group  $G$  over a totally disconnected local field  $\mathbb{K}$  and  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed, then  $\text{con}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$  and  $\text{lev}(\alpha)$  are Lie subgroups of  $G$  and the product map  $\pi$  is an analytic diffeomorphism (G.)

Have stable/unstable foliations

Proof uses invariant manifolds as a tool (stable, unstable, resp., centre manifolds around a hyperbolic fixed point), constructed in G'13 for time-discrete,  $\mathbb{K}$ -analytic dynamical systems

Closedness of contraction groups is also important in connection with topological entropy.

**Theorem** (Giordano Bruno/Virili 2017) *If  $G$  is a totally disconnected, locally compact group,  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$  and  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed, then*

$$h_{\text{top}}(\alpha) = \ln s(\alpha)$$

(likewise for endomorphisms)

## §4 Contractive automorphisms

If  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed, then  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is a locally compact group and  $\alpha|_{\text{con}(\alpha)}$  is a contractive automorphism:

**Definition** An automorphism  $\alpha$  of a locally compact group  $G$  is **contractive** if  $\alpha^n(x) \rightarrow e$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $x \in G$  (i.e.,  $G = \text{con}(\alpha)$ ).

What is the structure of such contraction groups  $(G, \alpha)$ ?

**Theorem** (Siebert 1986) *If  $\alpha$  is a contractive automorphism of a locally compact group  $G$ , then  $G = G_e \times G_{\text{td}}$ , where  $G_e$  is the connected component and  $G_{\text{td}}$  an  $\alpha$ -stable, totally disconnected closed normal subgroup of  $G$ .*

Siebert also showed that  $G_e$  is a simply connected nilpotent real Lie group whose Lie algebra admits a positive graduation.

Structure of  $G_{\text{td}}$ ?

**Theorem** (G./Willis 2010) *If  $(G, \alpha)$  is a totally disconnected locally compact contraction group, then the set  $\text{tor}(G)$  of torsion elements is a closed subgroup of  $G$  and*

$$G = \text{tor}(G) \times G_{p_1} \times \cdots \times G_{p_n}$$

*with certain  $\alpha$ -stable closed normal subgroups  $G_p \subseteq G$  which are  $p$ -adic Lie groups.*

**Remark**  $p$ -adic contraction groups are unipotent algebraic groups over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  (Wang 1984); they correspond to nilpotent  $p$ -adic Lie algebras admitting an  $\mathbb{N}$ -graduation.

Structure of  $\text{tor}(G)$ ?

G./Willis 2010:  $\text{tor}(G)$  is a torsion group of finite exponent and has a composition series

$$1 = G_0 \triangleleft G_1 \triangleleft \cdots \triangleleft G_n = G$$

of  $\alpha$ -stable closed subgroups all of whose factors  $G_j/G_{j-1}$  are isomorphic to the right shift on  $F^{(-\mathbb{N})} \times F^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  for some finite simple group  $F$  (depending on  $j$ )

Only countably many possible composition factors. Does this imply there are only countably many torsion contraction groups?

**Theorem** (G./Willis 2018) *Suitable continuous equivariant 2-cocycles*

$$\omega: \mathbb{F}_p((t)) \times \mathbb{F}_p((t)) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p((t))$$

*yield a family of uncountably many contraction groups of the form*

$$\mathbb{F}_p((t)) \times_{\omega} \mathbb{F}_p((t))$$

*which are pairwise non-isomorphic as contraction groups.*

However, up to isomorphism there are only countably many **abelian** torsion contraction groups, as any such is isomorphic to  $F^{(-\mathbb{N})} \times F^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  with the right shift for some finite abelian group  $F$  (loc. cit.)

All quotient morphisms  $q: G \rightarrow H$  of locally compact contraction groups admit an equivariant global section, whence central extensions (or extensions with abelian kernel) can be described by equivariant continuous 2-cocycles and corresponding cohomology groups (loc. cit.)

## §5 Expansive automorphisms

**Definition** An automorphism  $\alpha$  of a locally compact group  $G$  is called **expansive** if there exists an identity neighbourhood  $V \subseteq G$  such that

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \alpha^n(V) = \{e\}.$$

For example, every contractive automorphism is expansive.

Studied e.g. by Siebert 1989.

**Theorem** G./Raja (2017) *If  $G$  is a totally disconnected, locally compact group and  $\alpha$  an expansive automorphism, then  $\text{con}(\alpha)\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$  is an open identity neighbourhood. For every  $\alpha$ -stable closed normal subgroup  $N \subseteq G$ , the induced automorphism of  $G/N$  is expansive.*

## Summary

- For  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , Willis theory provides tidy subgroups  $U = U_+U_-$  and the scale  $s(\alpha) = [\alpha(U_+) : U_+]$
- Have  $\alpha$ -stable subgroups  $\text{con}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{con}(\alpha^{-1})$ ,  $\text{par}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{par}(\alpha^{-1})$ ,  $\text{lev}(\alpha)$
- Most information on dynamics of  $(G, \alpha)$  if  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed
- Results known on structure of closed contraction groups  $\text{con}(\alpha)$

# Endomorphisms of totally disconnected groups

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## Second lecture: Endomorphisms

§1 Scale  $s(\alpha) \in \mathbb{N}$  and tidy subgroups for  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$ , if  $G$  tot disc, lcp group

§2 Subgroups associated with  $\alpha$

§3 Example: Linear endomorphisms

§4 Example:  $p$ -adic Lie groups and Lie groups over local fields

For a totally disconnected locally compact group  $G$  and  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ , recall:

If  $U \subseteq G$  is a compact open subgroup, obtain compact subgroups  $U_+, U_- \subseteq U$  with

$$\alpha(U_-) \subseteq U_-, \quad \alpha(U_+) \supseteq U_+$$

via

$$U_- := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U) = \{x \in U : (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0) \alpha^n(x) \in U\}$$

$$U_+ := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^n(U) = \{x \in U : (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0) \alpha^{-n}(x) \in U\}$$

Thus  $U_+ \subseteq \alpha(U_+) \subseteq \alpha^2(U_+) \subseteq \dots$

Willis 1994: There always exists a compact open subgroup  $U$  which is **tidy for**  $\alpha$ , i.e.

$$(TA) \quad U = U_+ U_-$$

$$(TB) \quad U_{++} := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^n(U_+) \text{ is closed in } G$$

(equivalently,  $U_{--} := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U_-)$  is closed)

Analogues for endomorphisms?

For  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$  and a compact open subgroup  $U$  of  $G$ ,

$$U_- := \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U) = \{x \in U : (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0) \alpha^n(x) \in U\}$$

is a compact subgroup of  $U$  with  $\alpha(U_-) \subseteq U_-$ .

As to  $U_+$ , need replacement for  $\alpha^{-n}(x)$  if  $\alpha$  is not an automorphism:

Call a sequence  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  $G$  an  **$\alpha$ -regressive trajectory** if  $\alpha(x_{-n-1}) = x_{-n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Define  $U_+$  as the set of all  $x \in U$  for which there exists an  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  $U$  with  $x_0 = x$ .

Note that  $x_{-1} \in U_+$ , whence  $x = x_0 = \alpha(x_{-1}) \in \alpha(U_+)$  and thus

$$\alpha(U_+) \supseteq U_+; \quad \text{in fact, } \alpha(U_+) \cap U = U_+.$$

Call a compact open subgroup  $U \subseteq G$  **tidy** for  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$  if

$$(TA) \quad U = U_+ U_-$$

$$(TB) \quad U_{--} := \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U_-) \text{ is closed in } G$$

Call a sequence  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  $G$  an  **$\alpha$ -regressive trajectory** if  $\alpha(x_{-n-1}) = x_{-n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

Define  $U_+$  as the set of all  $x \in U$  for which there exists an  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  in  $U$  with  $x_0 = x$ .

**Lemma.**  $U_+$  is compact

**Proof.** Show that  $U_+$  is closed in  $U$ . To this end, let  $(x_j)_{j \in J}$  be a net in  $U_+$  which converges to some  $x \in U$ . Let  $t_j := (x_{j,-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in U^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  be an  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory with  $x_{j,0} = x_j$ . Since  $U^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  is compact, after passage to a subnet we may assume that  $t_j \rightarrow (x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  for some  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \in U^{\mathbb{N}_0}$ . Passing to the limit in

$$\alpha(x_{j,-n-1}) = x_{j,-n},$$

see that  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is an  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory. As  $x_0 = \lim x_{j,0} = \lim x_j = x$ , have  $x \in U_+$ .

**Defn**  $U$  is tidy for  $\alpha$  if

(TA)  $U = U_+U_-$ , where

$$U_- = \{x \in U : \alpha^n(x) \in U \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$$

$$U_+ = \{x_0 \in U : \exists(x_{-n}) \text{ in } U$$

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}_0) \alpha(x_{-n-1}) = x_{-n}\}$$

(TB)  $U_{--} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U_-)$  is closed in  $G$ .

**Scale**  $s(\alpha) := [\alpha(U_+) : U_+] \in \mathbb{N}$

Note that

- $U_- = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \alpha^{-n}(U)$  compact
- $U_{--}$  ascending union as  $\alpha^{-n}(U_-)$  is the set of all  $x \in G$  such that  $\alpha^k(x) \in U$  for all  $k \geq n$
- $\alpha(U_+) \supseteq U_+$  and  $\alpha(U_-) \subseteq U_-$  by definition
- $U_+ = \alpha(U_+) \cap U$  is open in  $\alpha(U_+)$

**Theorem** (Willis 2015) *For every endomorphism  $\alpha$  of a totally disconnected locally compact group  $G$ , there exists a compact open subgroup of  $G$  which is tidy for  $\alpha$ . The scale  $s(\alpha)$  is independent of the choice of tidy subgroup. Moreover,*

$$s(\alpha) = \min_U [\alpha(U) : \alpha(U) \cap U]$$

*is the minimum displacement index, and a compact open subgroup  $U \subseteq G$  is tidy for  $\alpha$  if and only if  $s(\alpha) = [\alpha(U) : \alpha(U) \cap U]$ .*

## §2 Subgroups associated to an endomorphism (Willis 2015)

For tot disc, lcp grp  $G$  and  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$ , have:

**contraction group**

$$\text{con}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n(x) = e\}$$

**anti-contraction group**  $\text{con}^-(\alpha)$  of all  $x \in G$  such that  $x = x_0$  for some  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-n} = e$

**parabolic subgroup**

$$\text{par}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \{\alpha^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \text{ rel. cp.}\}$$

**anti-parabolic subgroup**  $\text{par}^-(\alpha)$  of all  $x \in G$  such that  $x = x_0$  for some  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with  $\{x_{-n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  rel. compact

**Levi subgroup**  $\text{lev}(\alpha) := \text{par}(\alpha) \cap \text{par}^-(\alpha)$

If  $\alpha$  is an automorphism, simply

$$\text{con}^-(\alpha) = \text{con}(\alpha^{-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{par}^-(\alpha) = \text{par}(\alpha^{-1}).$$

$$\text{con}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^n(x) = e\}$$

$$\text{par}(\alpha) := \{x \in G : \{\alpha^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\} \text{ rel. cp.}\}$$

$$\text{lev}(\alpha) := \text{par}(\alpha) \cap \text{par}^-(\alpha)$$

$\text{con}^-(\alpha)$  set of all  $x \in G$  such that  $x = x_0$  for some  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{-n} = e$

$\text{par}^-(\alpha)$  set of  $x \in G$  such that  $x = x_0$  for an  $\alpha$ -regressive trajectory  $(x_{-n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with  $\{x_{-n} : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  rel. comp.

As in the case of automorphisms,  $\text{par}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{par}^-(\alpha)$  and  $\text{lev}(\alpha)$  are closed. Moreover,

$$\alpha(\text{con}(\alpha)) \subseteq \text{con}(\alpha), \quad \alpha(\text{par}(\alpha)) \subseteq \text{par}(\alpha),$$

$$\alpha(\text{con}^-(\alpha)) = \text{con}^-(\alpha), \quad \alpha(\text{par}^-(\alpha)) = \text{par}^-(\alpha)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha(\text{lev}(\alpha)) = \text{lev}(\alpha).$$

Need not have  $\alpha(\text{con}(\alpha)) = \text{con}(\alpha)$ :

For example,  $\alpha(\text{con}(\alpha)) = \{e\} \subset \text{con}(\alpha) = G$  if  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G, x \mapsto e$

Recall facts which are valid for automorphisms  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(G)$ :

- $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed if and only if  $\text{con}^-(\alpha)$  is closed
- $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed if and only if  $G$  has small tidy subgroups for  $\alpha$ ; in this case, the product map

$\text{con}(\alpha) \times \text{lev}(\alpha) \times \text{con}^-(\alpha) \rightarrow \text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}^-(\alpha)$ ,  
 $(x, y, z) \mapsto xyz$ , is a homeomorphism.

Open problems during “Winter of Disconnect-  
edness” (Melbourne + Newcastle) in 2016:

Do these facts carry over to endomorphisms  $\alpha$ ?

Left-shift  $\alpha$  on  $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}}$  shows closedness of  $\text{con}^-(\alpha) = F^{\mathbb{N}}$  does not imply closedness of  $\text{con}(\alpha) = F^{(\mathbb{N})}$ .

**Theorem** (Bywaters/G./Tornier 2018) *For  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$ , the contraction group is closed if and only if  $G$  has small tidy subgroups for  $\alpha$ . In this case, also  $\text{con}^-(\alpha)$  is closed and the product map*

$\text{con}(\alpha) \times \text{lev}(\alpha) \times \text{con}^-(\alpha) \rightarrow \text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}^-(\alpha)$   
*is a homeomorphism.*

### §3 Scale and tidy subgroups for $\alpha \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(\mathbb{K}^n)$

$\mathbb{K}$  a local field (loc comp, tot disc, non-discrete)

$|\cdot|_{\mathbb{K}}$  natural absolute value, for  $x \in \mathbb{K}^{\times}$

$$|x|_{\mathbb{K}} = \text{mod}_{\mathbb{K}}(m_x), \quad m_x: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}, \quad y \mapsto xy$$

Same symbol for extension to abs value on  $\overline{\mathbb{K}}$

ultrametric inequality:

$$|x + y|_{\mathbb{K}} \leq \max\{|x|_{\mathbb{K}}, |y|_{\mathbb{K}}\}$$

$E$  fin dim  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space

**If characteristic polynomial of  $\alpha \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(E)$  splits into linear factors over  $\mathbb{K}$ , then  $E$  is the direct sum of the generalized eigenspaces.**

For  $\rho \in [0, \infty[$ , let  $E_{\rho}$

be the sum of those for eigenvalues  $\lambda$  with

$$|\lambda|_{\mathbb{K}} = \rho; \text{ thus } E = \bigoplus_{\rho \geq 0} E_{\rho}$$

**General endomorphism:**

Same in  $E \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} \mathbb{L}$  with  $\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{K}$ , then intersect with  $E$  to get  $E_{\rho}$

**Fact** *On the direct sum*

$$E = \bigoplus_{\rho \geq 0} E_\rho$$

*of the  $\alpha$ -invariant characteristic subspaces, there exists an ultrametric norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $E$  which is a maximum norm w.r.t. the direct sum, such that  $\alpha|_{E_0}$  is nilpotent,  $\|\alpha|_{E_0}\|_{op} < 1$  and*

$$(\forall \rho > 0, v \in E_\rho) \quad \|\alpha(v)\| = \rho\|v\|.$$

**(Reduce to Jordan blocks in  $E \otimes_{\mathbb{K}} \mathbb{L}$ !)**

The restriction of  $\alpha$  to the “Fitting 1-component”  $F := \bigoplus_{\rho > 0} E_\rho$  is an automorphism, and

$$E = E_0 \oplus F.$$

Thus

$$s(\alpha) = s(\alpha|_{E_0})s(\alpha|_F) = s(\alpha|_F)$$

Two cases:

- 1)  $\alpha$  nilpotent (then  $s(\alpha) = 1$ )
- 2)  $\alpha$  is an automorphism

**Lemma** *Let  $G$  be a totally disconnected, locally compact group and  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$ .*

(a) *If  $\alpha$  is nilpotent (say  $\alpha^n = e$ ) and  $U \subseteq G$  a compact open subgroup, then*

$$V := U_- = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(U) = \bigcap_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{-k}(U)$$

*is a compact open sgp of  $G$  with  $\alpha(V) \subseteq V$ .*

(b) *If  $V \subseteq G$  is a compact open subgroup such that  $\alpha(V) \subseteq V$ , then  $V$  is tidy,  $V_- = V$  and  $s(\alpha) = 1$ .*

**Proof.** (a) clear. (b):

$V \subseteq \alpha^{-1}(V)$ , hence  $V \subseteq \alpha^{-k}(V)$  for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , hence

$$V_- = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(V) = V.$$

Hence  $V = V_+ V_-$  (TA). As the subgroup

$$V_{--} = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(V_-) = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(V)$$

contains  $V$ , it is open and hence closed (TB).

As  $\alpha(V) \subseteq V$ ,  $s(\alpha) = [\alpha(V) : \underbrace{\alpha(V) \cap V}_{=\alpha(V)}] = 1$

Hence, for  $\alpha \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{K}}(E)$ ,  $s(\alpha|_{E_0}) = 1$  and  $B_r^{E_0}(0)$  is tidy for  $\alpha|_{E_0}$  for each  $r > 0$ .

Now consider  $\alpha \in \text{GL}(E)$ . Then

$$U := B_r^E(0) = \prod_{\rho>0} B_r^{E\rho}(0)$$

is tidy: For each  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , have

$$\alpha^k(B_r^E(0)) = \prod_{\rho>0} B_{\rho^k r}^{E\rho}(0).$$

Hence

$$U_+ := \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^k(U) = \prod_{\rho \geq 1} B_r^{E\rho}(0),$$

$$U_- = \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(U) = \prod_{0 < \rho \leq 1} B_r^{E\rho}(0)$$

with  $U = U_+ + U_-$  and

$$U_{--} := \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha^{-k}(U_-) = \prod_{0 < \rho < 1} E_\rho \times B_r^{E1}(0)$$

closed in  $E$ .

Abbreviate  $E_+ := \prod_{\rho \geq 1} E_\rho$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} s(\alpha) &= [\alpha(U_+) : U_+] = \text{mod}_{E_+}(\alpha|_{E_+}) \\ &= \prod_{j: |\lambda_j|_{\mathbb{K}} \geq 1} |\lambda_j|_{\mathbb{K}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m$  are the eigenvalues of  $\alpha_{\overline{\mathbb{K}}}$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{K}}$  (with repetitions according to algebraic multiplicities).

## Analytic functions, manifolds and Lie groups

(cf. Serre's book)

$\mathbb{K}^n$  with maximum norm;

for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$  a multi-index,

$y^\alpha := y_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots y_n^{\alpha_n}$  for  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{K}^n$ .

$f: \mathbb{K}^n \supseteq U \rightarrow \mathbb{K}^m$  **analytic** if it is given locally by an absolute convergent power series around each point  $x \in U$ , i.e.,

$$f(x + y) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} a_\alpha y^\alpha \quad \text{for } y \in \mathbb{K}^n \text{ close to } 0$$

with  $a_\alpha \in \mathbb{K}^m$ .

**Facts:** compositions of analytic functions are analytic

$\leadsto$  can define an  $n$ -dimensional analytic manifold  $M$  over a local field  $\mathbb{K}$  as usual

(Hausdorff topological space  $M$ , equipped with a set  $\mathcal{A}$  of homeomorphisms  $\phi$  from open subsets of  $M$  onto open subsets of  $\mathbb{K}^n$  such that the transition map  $\psi \circ \phi^{-1}$  is analytic, for all  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{A}$ )

Analytic maps between analytic manifolds as usual (check analyticity in local charts).

A *Lie group* over a local field  $\mathbb{K}$  is a group  $G$  with a (finite-dimensional) analytic manifold structure turning the group multiplication

$$m: G \times G \rightarrow G, \quad m(x, y) := xy$$

and the group inversion

$$j: G \rightarrow G, \quad j(x) := x^{-1}$$

into analytic mappings.

## Examples

- \* additive groups of fin-dim  $\mathbb{K}$ -vector spaces
- \* general linear group  $GL_n(\mathbb{K}) = \det^{-1}(\mathbb{K}^\times)$  open in  $\mathbb{K}^{n^2}$ , group operations rational maps
- \* Every (group of  $\mathbb{K}$ -rational points of a) linear algebraic group defined over  $\mathbb{K}$  is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -analytic Lie group, viz. every subgroup  $G \leq GL_n(\mathbb{K})$  which is the set of joint zeros of a set of polynomial functions  $M_n(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ . E.g.  $SL_n(\mathbb{K})$

**The Lie algebra functor.** Tangent space

$$L(G) := T_e(G)$$

is a Lie algebra via the identification of  $x \in L(G)$  with corresponding left invariant vector field on  $G$  (which form a Lie subalgebra of Lie algebra  $\mathcal{V}^\omega(G)$  of analytic vector fields on  $G$ ).

$\alpha: G \rightarrow H$  analytic group homomorphism between  $\mathbb{K}$ -analytic Lie groups, then tangent map

$$L(\alpha) := T_e(\alpha): L(G) \rightarrow L(H)$$

is a Lie algebra homomorphism.

Every  $p$ -adic Lie group  $G$  has an **exponential function**  $\exp_G: U \rightarrow G$  defined on a compact open subgroup  $U \subseteq L(G)$ . It is an analytic diffeomorphism onto an open identity neighbourhood such that  $T_e \exp = \text{id}_{L(G)}$  and  $\exp(nx) = \exp(x)^n$  for all  $x \in U$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $\alpha \in \text{End}(G)$ , then

$$\alpha \circ \exp_G = \exp_G \circ L(\alpha)$$

on some 0-neighbourhood

The dynamical systems  $(G, \alpha)$  and  $(L(G), L(\alpha))$  are locally conjugate!

**Theorem (G.)** For each endomorphism  $\alpha$  of a  $p$ -adic Lie group  $G$ ,

$$s(\alpha) = s(L(\alpha))$$

holds. Moreover,  $\exp_G(B_r(0))$  is tidy for each ball  $B_r(0) \subseteq L(G)$  with respect to a norm adapted to  $L(\alpha)$  and  $r > 0$  sufficiently small.

Similarly for Lie groups over local fields:

**Theorem (G.)** For an analytic endomorphism  $\alpha$  of a Lie group  $G$  over a local field of positive characteristic,  $s(\alpha) = s(L(\alpha))$  holds if and only if  $\text{con}(\alpha)$  is closed. In this case,  $\text{con}(\alpha)$ ,  $\text{lev}(\alpha)$  and  $\text{con}^-(\alpha)$  are Lie subgroups of  $G$  and the product map

$$\text{con}(\alpha) \times \text{lev}(\alpha) \times \text{con}^-(\alpha) \rightarrow \text{con}(\alpha) \text{lev}(\alpha) \text{con}^-(\alpha)$$

is an analytic diffeomorphism. Moreover,  $\phi^{-1}(B_r(0))$  is tidy in this case for each ball  $B_r(0) \subseteq L(G)$  with respect to a norm adapted to  $L(\alpha)$  and  $r > 0$  sufficiently small, when  $\phi$  is a chart for  $G$  around  $e$  with  $\phi(e) = 0$  and  $T_e\phi = \text{id}_{L(G)}$ .